

# Calliandra tweediei

## COMMON NAMES

Mexican flamebush, Red powderpuff

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

## SIMILAR TAXA

*Calliandra brevipes* Benth. is similar but is taller, has dark red-green leaves, pale pink to whitish-pink flowers and sets seeds prolifically.

## HABITAT

A very rare garden escape in the Auckland region - usually found in unkept gardens or in places where garden waste has been carelessly discarded.

## GENUS

*Calliandra*

## FAMILY

Fabaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Calliandra tweediei* Benth.

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## FLOWERING

January - May

## FRUITING

Year round

## YEAR NATURALISED

2004

## ORIGIN

Central America

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/calliandra-tweediei/>

## PDF DATE

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